

To: the Honorable Charles L. Brieant
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
300 Quarropas Street
White Plains, New York, 10601

December 1st, 2007

Re: United States v. Tarquin McClusky
07 CR 678 (CLB)

Dear Judge Brieant ,

I am a 66 year old attorney who for many years was the senior consultant in the business and estate planning marketing unit with the Mutual of New York Insurance Company (which was acquired in 2005 by AXA-Equitable.) Since taking "semi-retirement " then , I continue to do private consulting from my Red Hook home , where my wife and I have lived for the last 8 years .

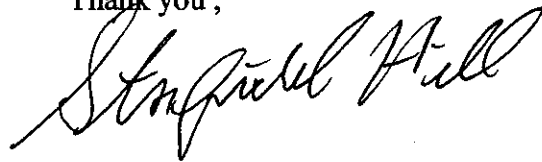
Since January 2006, I have been a member of the local chapter of Sexaholics Anonymous , a 12 step program patterned after Alcoholics Anonymous . I first met Tarq at our weekly 90 minute Monday evening meetings in Poughkeepsie which he joined in May 2007 . He has attended virtually every meeting since ; in my experience , many who start a 12 step program mean well , but often drop out attending regular meetings because of the necessity of being completely honest in working the 12 steps ..

Listening and watching a man weekly for nearly 7 months can reveal a lot ; I've seen Tarq's pride at being recognized at work for his mechanical expertise versus all the other employees. When he shares his feelings for his wife an (three) teenage children , I have often seen tears in his eyes and heard his voice crackinga display of emotion that is still unusual for most men (in my experience), even in today's cultural environment.

Many addicts, of whatever kind, never quite accept that they have a condition that they cannot solve with mere willpower (or mere human intervention) ; 12 step programs (like AA) have a good record of recovery because they are based on an addict's willingness to establish a spiritual relationship with God . I am convinced that Tarq has accepted this philosophy and I feel that he is well on the road to recovery.

I am aware that Tarq has pleaded guilty to the possession charge ; this letter is intended to respectfully request that you consider these factors in mitigation of whatever sentence you deem appropriate .

Thank you ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stanfield Hill".

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